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TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Oct. 12.—Oregon and Washington; Friday, fair and warmer.

CHEAP LABOR CURSE.

The terrible news from Roseberg, of the death of Mrs. Peterstein, wife of the Southern Pacific railroad foreman at the hands of an infuriated mob of Greek section hands, and of their wild assault with fire-arms upon the overland train conveys a lesson at once imperative and impressive. The herding of such cattle in such numbers upon the public works of the territory in which thousands of idle Americans are vainly looking for work and cannot find it because of the presence of just such irresponsible and irrational fiends, is a wicked blunder for which the employing company is chargeable.

It is needless to plead that the American will not work for the beggarly stipend the Greeks jump at as compensation, every one who knows anything at all, knows that no self-respecting white man can live on the pitiful wage these starving foreigners manage to exist upon; it is needless to plead the lie that they are better workmen, and equally futile to say the American cannot be had to do the coarse and arduous labor: These sophistries have been urged long enough to cover the mistakes and evils arising from the employment of the hordes that ravage and kill when the slightest pretext offers: It is simply a question of decent wages. The companies know this better than any one else.

The life of this one good woman has a value transcending the wealth of property owned by the road and its exacting directors and can never be compensated for, unless, by some fortuitous act of the managing conscience of the road, the low and dangerous gangs of aliens are supplanted by a native class that, at least, respects the law and womanhood. That she was killed by accident does not in the faintest degree mitigate the crucial sacrifice; the only marvel of the whole situation is that a score of others on the train were not slain by the same fusillade.

The splendid gift of freedom bestowed by this country does not include the web of racial violence in the warp of its goodly mantle, and it is time some legal steps were taken to abridge the evil, that will be effective and final.

WISDOM AT LAST.

Automobile driving is getting to be pretty serious business these days. Press dispatches told yesterday of two serious accidents; one at Athens, Michigan, in which two were fatally injured and one seriously hurt, and another at Newton, Massachusetts, in which three are likely to die. Both mishaps were due to fast running.

When one stops to consider the terrific speed at which these powerful cars are hurled along highways, the only wonder is that more violent deaths are not recorded. Auto racing is likely to die out; every year adds to the already

long list of killed or maimed. It is announced that the most prominent automobile clubs of England and France have decided to discourage hazardous speeding. Plainly it would be a good thing to discourage in this country.

The manufacturers of motor cars have come to the conclusion that racing victories are no longer valuable as advertisements. It would follow that they will not foster auto racing to any extent hereafter, and the twentieth century craze for record smashing will be diverted into less dangerous channels.

It must be remembered that the dangerous machines are not the ordinary runabouts of the streets and country roads. The big machines, which often have seventy, eighty and ninety horsepower geared to their flying wheels are the ones which leave the trail of death. The automobiles in general use are comparatively safe, swift and valuable. With the announcement that Barney Oldfield, Walter Christie and other daring motorists have abandoned auto racing, it may be safely predicted that the motor cars of the future will be built for safety first and comfort next. Speed will be a minor consideration.

UNFORGIVABLE BLUNDER.

When Sculptor Burglum, of New York City, destroyed his carved angles to put an end to the foolish controversy engendered by the clergy and wardens of the Protestant Episcopal cathedral of St. John, the Divine, who insisted that the sex of the angelic group should be masculine, instead of feminine as the great artist had carved them, he made a big and unforgivable blunder. The beautiful types of his handiwork were his to do as he elected to do; but there is an inherent title, an intangible possessory right, vested in the public, that even a great artist is bound to recognize, before obliterating the exquisite creations of his brain and hand that mean so much to humanity. There is nothing left to do but to deplore the irreparable loss, and hold the bumptious critics of that famous parish wholly responsible for the almost criminal deprivation consequent upon their judgment.

By the way, it is about time something was done in behalf of the big, new, modern hotel that Astoria is to have. She will need it next summer. There will be more people here than ever before, and she must not suffer reproach on this score.

An advertiser in an eastern paper has conceived the unique scheme of having his "readers" and space matter set upside-down in the paper. He pays double rates for the service and the paper carries a foot-note with each ad. fixing the responsibility, but the advertisement is effective all the same. Contemplate for a moment the appearance of the sheet if the majority of the users were permitted to do the same thing.

Do the appointed police commissioners of this city hold their office until the charter terms of their predecessors have expired, or only until the general city election next following their appointment? This question is to be settled some day soon.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The driver of a Seattle ice wagon has been arrested at the instance of his employers who claim that he gave short weight to customers and sold the ice thus saved and pocketed the proceeds. It is said that there is nothing new under the sun, but when the driver of an ice wagon can "knock-down" and give out any ice at all to regular customers it is very nearly time for department stores to begin advertising ascension robes at reduced rates.

In the course of a busy life Joseph G. Cannon has had all kinds of experiences, but it remained for a Pennsylvania man to take him for a Methodist preacher. The man who made the mistake had a marriage license in his hand at the time he accosted Mr. Cannon and he asked the congressman to come with me and perform a marriage ceremony at once. The speaker of the house was up a stump and all he could say was, "You are mistaken in the man."

Mrs. Mary S. Holladay proposes to get what she wants, if money will buy it. The manager of a Missouri railway line refused her request for a pass, although she was a director of the line. She then bought the road, which is sixty miles long, so that she could have all the passes she wanted. This happened ten months ago and yesterday she sold the road for a million, a considerably larger sum than she paid for the property.

The city of Bellingham, Wash., faces a revolt in its public schools, and less

than half the pupils enrolled were present yesterday. The trouble started over the refusal of many parents to allow their children to be vaccinated. Under the system of credits whereby the state allows 8 cents per day for attendance the city will lose a considerable sum of money.

Physicians have discovered that George Williams Gatt died from the effects of a withered pancreas. The public was already aware that the man was dead.

Columbia University has dropped two football players from the team just because they were deficient in their studies. The faculty in some colleges expects altogether too much from its students.

Professor Miller of the University of Berlin announces that the bite of a girl is more deadly than the bite of a serpent. The professor announces that he has made a special study of the bacteria of the mouth but he neglects to say under what conditions the experiments were made.

Germany's meat famine is so alarming that herseflesh is no longer obtainable. A few slices of the American hog would be acceptable in that country now.

JUGGLING WITH FIRE.

Tricks and Deceptions That Were Practiced in Ancient Times.

Fire tricks were practiced in very ancient times. Many of today's best known tricks were employed to deceive the public of long ago. There is nothing even now which astonishes the ignorant more than the breathing of flame, an accomplishment handed down from remote antiquity.

The first known fire breather was a Syrian slave named Eunus, a leader in the servile war in Sicily, 130 B. C. He pretended to have immediate communication with the gods. When desirous of inspiring his followers with courage he breathed flames and sparks from his mouth.

In order to perform this marvel Eunus pierced a nutshell at both ends, and, having filled it with some burning substance, he put it in his mouth and breathed through it. The same trick is performed today in an improved manner. The juggler rolls together some flax while it is still burning. By this means the fire is retained in the ball for a long time. He slips this ball into his mouth unperceived and breathes through it. His breath revives the fire, and he sustains no injury so long as he inhales through his nostrils only.

For deceptions with fire the ancients also employed naphtha, which is so combustible that it kindles when it only approaches a flame. The priests of old took advantage of this property of naphtha to make their offerings catch fire as if spontaneously.

Various theories have been advanced to account for other feats. An ancient ordeal was the holding of a red-hot iron by the accused. Such trials were conducted by the priests, who covered the hands of those whom they desired should escape with a protective paste. The peculiar property of mineral salts, such as alum, in protecting articles of dress from fire has long been known. An old Milanese devised a costume consisting of a cloth covering for the body which had been steeped in alum. A metallic dress of wire gauze was added to this, and thus protected a man could walk on hot iron in the midst of flames.

Very interesting experiments have shown that great heat may be endured by the human body. Two doctors in the course of their researches on the subject stayed in a room where the temperature was 200 degrees. A beef-steak was cooked in the same atmosphere and was overdone in thirty minutes. Sir Francis Chantrey remained for two minutes in a furnace much hotter, the thermometer indicating 320 degrees when he came out.—Washington Star.

He Thought He Stopped the Paper.
An acquaintance met Horace Greeley one day and said, "Mr. Greeley, I've stopped your paper."

"Have you?" said the editor. "Well, that's too bad." And he went his way. The next morning Mr. Greeley met his subscriber again and said, "I thought you had stopped the Tribune?"

"So I did."

"Then there must be some mistake," said Mr. Greeley, "for I just came from the office and the presses were running, the clerks were as busy as ever, the compositors were hard at work, and the business was going on the same as yesterday and the day before."

"Oh," ejaculated the subscriber, "I didn't mean that I had stopped the paper. I stopped only my copy of it because I didn't like your editorials."

"Fah!" retorted Mr. Greeley. "It wasn't worth taking up my time to tell me such a trifle as that. My dear sir, if you expect to control the utterance of the Tribune by the purchase of one copy a day or if you think to find any newspaper or magazine worth reading that will never express convictions at right angles with your own you are doomed to disappointment."—Success Magazine.

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The association is made up of advertisers, advertising writers and agents and advertising solicitors—and every one who is interested in advertising.

Papers on advertising salmon, shingles, retail stores, export trade, etc., will be read and discussed.

You Are Invited

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